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## Let's Get App-y

### Cut the Buttons, Fotobabble, & Puppet Workshop

#### Cut the Buttons

Great for fine motor development, does not mirror a typical scissor hold but must use two fingers to "cut" buttons off pockets as they are moving around on the screen. (Free)

#### Fotobabble

Create an audio photo story in 3 easy steps. Once you create an account, select & edit a photo, record, & share. Easy to make private & share from the app. Go to the [www.fotobabble.com](http://www.fotobabble.com) website to grab the link to share, or the embed code to place in a classroom blog, wiki, or website. (iPhone – free)

#### Puppet Workshop

Choose a sock or glove, which will become a virtual puppet. Create the eyes, nose, mouth and hair using a variety of buttons, strands, ornaments, etc. Place the puppet on any choice of background. You can also take a picture of the completed puppet. (iPad – free/\$0.99)

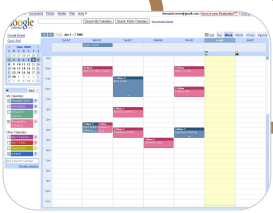
## SPED Learners – I Know

– A great game to play to address categorization as well as word recall. Each player (from two to eight, perfect for groups) tries to be the first to tap the screen & answer letter & category combinations. "S" & "Superhero" may equal "Superman," while "O" & "boy's name" might get the answer "Oscar." The categories include cities, actors/actresses, three letter words, & more. It does contain ads, but the ads don't play if you have no Internet connection. (Free)

## Do You Google? – Calendars

Since we will soon be using Google for everything including email, documents, etc..., this month let's talk about Google Calendar. It is very easy to use the calendar. Once you click on the calendar tab, then you can name the calendar. To add events just click once in the date that you want & type in your meeting or event. You can then edit the event & color code the events if you need to.

Once you have set up the calendar it can be shared with anyone that you wish to have it. You can also let the people you share it with to edit the calendar or just to edit it. We use Google Calendar at the Middle School to keep track of the mobile laptop carts. The calendar is shared with the teachers who need to make sure the carts are distributed to the right teachers at this time.



## Websites 2 Check Out

### Blocked Pages & TodaysMeet

#### What to do with Blocked Pages

Have you noticed when you try to go to iTunes or the App Store on your iPhone/iPad that it doesn't load? Yes that means you are blocked, but there is an easy way for you to get around it. The pages are blocked because of our web filter, but available to teachers.

First, go to a blocked webpage on your device. Websites like – Gmail, YouTube, etc... Once you get to the blocked page with our district logo, up in the left hand corner you will see,

*Currently logged in as unknown. (Not you?).*

Click on **Not you?** & you will be taken to a login page. Just login with your school username & password. You can now open iTunes & the App Store & download away.

#### TodaysMeet – [todaysmeet.com](http://todaysmeet.com)

Is a backchannel that students can use as a discussion room while listening to a movie or presentation. Easy to create a room by naming it, set how long you want the room to be saved, give your students the URL, & it is ready to go. Currently being used with 4<sup>th</sup> graders to promote good digital citizenship. Questions were typed for students to answer over social media safety & etiquette rules.

TodaysMeet